IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND (Baltimore Division)

In re:

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE

Case No: 23-16969-MMH (Chapter 11)

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Debtor

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DEBTOR'S REQUEST FOR HEARING

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, the debtor and debtor in possession herein (the "Debtor"), by counsel, hereby requests that the Court schedule a hearing on matters related to the Notice of Presentation of Survivor Statements [Dkt. # 1036] filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee").

The Debtor shares the Committee's views regarding the importance of providing the opportunity for survivors with claims against the Debtor or affiliates of the Debtor to be heard in this bankruptcy proceeding; however, following the April 8, 2024 and May 20, 2024 hearings provided for that purpose, the Debtor has concerns about further hearings taking place without appropriate guardrails regarding who is permitted to participate and the timing of such hearings.

With respect to the issue of who may be heard, during the prior hearings, individuals without claims against the Debtor or affiliates of the Debtor made statements during each of the April 8, 2024 and May 20, 2024 hearings. The Debtor does **not** believe that this bankruptcy proceeding should serve as a venue for those without claims against the Debtor or affiliates of the Debtor, particularly when such participation comes at the expense of time that could be utilized for survivors with claims against the Debtor or affiliates of the Debtor.

With respect to the timing of further hearings for survivor statements, with the Court's encouragement to get the confirmation process underway, the Debtor believes further hearings for survivor statements should be included as part of the confirmation process, ideally in connection with any hearing(s) in connection with approving a disclosure statement and, subsequently, confirmation of a plan of reorganization in this bankruptcy proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court schedule a hearing to consider (i) the Committee's request for a hearing date to accommodate additional claimant statements and (ii) the Debtor's request that it be heard with respect to any potential order setting the date and guidelines for any future hearing regarding additional claimant statements.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 7th day of May 2025, notice of filing the Debtor's Request for Hearing (the "Request") was served by CM/ECF to those parties listed on the docket as being entitled to such electronic notices, which parties are identified on the attached service list. In addition, Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC will cause a true and correct copy of the Request to be served on all parties required to be served, with a certificate or affidavit of service to be filed subsequently, all in accordance with Local Rule 9013-4.

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